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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA: MILITARY EXPENDITURE REPORTING AND
LIMITATION

REF: A) STATE 251441; B) STATE 267962; C) USUN 4384(NOTAL)

1. ON BASIS OF WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS (REFS (A) AND (B))
AS WELL AS ASSURANCES BY SWEDISH AND MEXICAN DELS OF
WILLINGNESS TO WITHHOLD TABLING IN FIRST COMMITTEE THEIR
DRAFT RES ON MILITARY BUDGETS IN ORDER TO CONSIDER AMEND-
MENT, USDEL CALLED INFORMAL WESTERN GROUP MEETING NOV 9
TO FORMULATE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO OPERATIVE
SECTION OF RES. IT WAS DECIDED THAT FRG, WHICH HAD BEEN
APPROACHED TO CO-SPONSOR RES, SHOULD PROPOSE ADDITION OF
TWO PARAS FOLLOWING PARA 2 OF SWEDISH-MEXICAN DRAFT.
TEXT FOLLOWS:
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SATISFACTORY INSTRUMENT FOR STANDARDIZED REPORTING ON THE
MILITARY EXPENDITURES OF MEMBER STATES, PARTICULARLY OF
THE STATES PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AS
WELL AS ANY OTHER STATES WITH COMPARABLE MILITARY
EXPENDITURES,

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL, ASSISTED BY A

GROUP OF QUALIFIED EXPERTS APPOINTED BY HIM AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATES, TO CONDUCT A PILOT TEST OF THE MILITARY EXPENDITURES REPORTING INSTRUMENT, AS RECOMMENDED IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (DOC. A/32/194), WITH THE OBJECTIVE THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE TEST REFLECT AS VARIED A GROUP AS POSSIBLE OF DIFFERENT MILITARY BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS.

END TEXT.

2. IN FACE OF WESTERN PERSISTENCE, DESPITE INITIAL SWEDISH-MEXICAN RESISTANCE, REPS OF MOST INTERESTED DELS (US, UK, FRG, JAPAN) MET WITH CO-SPONSORS NOVEMBER 11. OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN 1977 EXPERTS GROUPS. NIGERIA, PERU AND SRI LANKA, DID NOT APPEAR AND MEXICAN REP (MARIN) CLAIMED TO SPEAK FOR THEM. THRUST OF CO-SPONSORS' POSITION WAS THAT THEY STRONGLY FAVOR PROCEEDING WITH TESTING, REFINEMENT AND, ULTIMATELY, WIDESPREAD USE OF REPORTING INSTRUMENT; HOWEVER, PRESENT EASTERN BLOC RESISTANCE IS SO STRONG AS TO CAUSE POLARIZATION ON THIS ISSUE AND JEOPARDIZE ENTIRE CONCEPT. NON-ALIGNED THEREFORE BELIEVED IT NECESSARY TO GIVE SOVIETS SOMEWHAT MORE TIME TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION, AFTER WHICH - PRESUMABLY AT SPECIAL SESSION - NON-ALIGNED WOULD AGREE TO PRESS AHEAD, WITH OR WITHOUT EASTERN BLOC.

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3. IN VIEW DOUBTFUL PROSPECT OF OBTAINING LDC SUPPORT FOR PREFERRED WESTERN TEXT, US (FISHER) OFFERED TO AMEND TEXT OF PARA 4, AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

3. AFFIRMS THE VALUE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF A SATISFACTORY INSTRUMENT FOR STANDARDIZED REPORTING ON THE MILITARY EXPENDITURES OF MEMBER STATES, PARTICULARLY OF THE STATES PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER STATES WITH COMPARABLY MILITARY EXPENDITURES,

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ASCERTAIN THOSE STATES WHICH WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PILOT TEST OF THE REPORTING INSTRUMENT AND TO REPORT ON THIS TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMEMENT.

END TEXT.

4. SWEDISH AND MEXICAN REPS CONSULTED PRIVATELY ON

PROPOSAL AND SWEDEN (HAMILTON) REPORTED LATE IN DAY
UNWILLINGNESS OF CO-SPONSORS TO ACCEPT WESTERN PROPOSAL.
SOLITARY CRUMB OFFERED BY SWEDEN WAS THEIR READINESS TO
SEE MILITARY EXPENDITURES ISSUE INCLUDED IN SOME WAY IN
SPECIAL SESSION PROGRAM OF ACTION.

5. WESTERN GROUP INTENDS TO REVIEW OPTIONS FOR FURTHER
ACTION EARLY NOV 14. FAILING THE SUCCESS OF A POSSIBLE
WESTERN AMENDMENT ADDING LANGUAGE TO RES WE DESIRE
(PARA 3, ABOVE) USDEL RECOMMENDS ABSTENTION ACCOMPANIED
BY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.
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